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Re: Our File 582-772, PM #554

Dear Bill:

Attached hereto are copies of an Office Action and the references cited therein relating to the above-identified application.

As you can see, a response is due by August 8, 1974. May we please have your comments with regard to this action well in advance of that date.

Sincerely,

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